

Agency 353

**Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2009-11 Expenditure Authority</b>	109.2	17,375	526	17,901
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	109.2	18,034	526	18,560
Difference		659		659
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	3.7%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Suspend Initiative 732		(121)		(121)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(276)		(276)
State Data Center Rate Increase		54		54
<b>Subtotal</b>		(343)		(343)
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	109.2	17,691	526	18,217
Difference		316		316
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Center Administration	6.1	8,878		8,878
On-Campus Academic Services	48.6	4,807		4,807
On-Campus Residential Program	46.5	3,044		3,044
Statewide Services	8.0	962	526	1,488
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	109.2	17,691	526	18,217

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS****Suspend Initiative 732**

The Initiative 732 cost-of-living adjustment requirements are suspended for the 2011-13 biennium. Initiative 732, approved by voters in 2000, requires an annual cost-of-living increase for school employees based on the Seattle Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year. These cost-of-living increases are estimated at 0.4 percent for the 2011-12 School Year and 1.9 percent for the 2012-13 School Year. Additionally, statute requires a catch-up cost-of-living increase of 1.2 percent per school year resulting from the Initiative 732 suspension during the 2009-11 biennium. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Center Administration**

The Center administrative activity provides support services for the agency in the areas of human resources, financial, custodial, technology, strategic planning, and administrative oversight including the agency director's office and the board of trustees.

## **EDUCATION - OTHER**

### **On-Campus Academic Services**

WSD serves deaf and hard of hearing students from the ages of three to twenty-one. The education program offers academic courses and curriculum aligned with the Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements and Grade Level Expectations. Students receive focussed instruction in the area of literacy development: reading, and writing of English and expressive and receptive American Sign Language (ASL). Instruction is provided by certificated teachers who are currently in a master's degree program. Teachers communicate directly with students using ASL. In addition to their academic program, students receive services in the areas of post high school transition services, vocational assessment, work experience, audiology, speech language pathology, counseling, psychological supports, social work, occupational therapy, or physical therapy. These services are determined by each student's individual education program team.

Ancillary supports for the on-campus academic program include nutrition services, student health services, interpreting services for mainstream classes, and library and media services.

### **On-Campus Residential Program**

WSD provides a residential program to all students who do not live within commuting distance of the agency. The WSD residential program is part of an integrated approach to the learning and development of our students focusing on safety, independent living, leisure time activities, and personal care. Students develop a positive self-esteem and self-identity through multi-aged family groupings, social interactions, and low staff-to-student ratios. The program offers instruction in activities of daily living, academic assistance, a language-rich environment, celebration of cultural diversity, after school programming and involvement in the local community. In addition to providing a linguistically and culturally rich environment, the WSD residential program includes a variety of recreational sports such as football, soccer, volleyball, track, basketball, swimming, and Special Olympics. Other activities include outdoor recreation, field trips, arts and crafts, dances, and social activities for all WSD students. The residential program begins after the end of the academic day schedule and ends at the start of the academic program.

WSD's competitive high school athletic program is a shared responsibility of the residential and academic programs. Sports offered include volleyball, football, and basketball. Ancillary supports for the on-campus residential program include nutrition services and student health services.

### **Statewide Services**

The Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL) and the Partnership Program with Listen and Talk Seattle provide evaluations, consultations, training, technical information, and clinical resources to school districts to support students who are deaf and hard of hearing attending public schools, their families, and the staff members who serve them. These services are provided based on referrals, requests, and training options. CDHL's Family Infant Toddler Program provides support and education to families of deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers (birth to three). CDHL also provides distance-learning programs to deaf and hard of hearing students in Washington using technology such as videophones, videoconferencing, and the internet.